

CLAIMS OF THE INVENTION

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A tool for use in removing and replacing a bulb of a push-button type actuatable switch comprising:

a tool body, said tool body having a first end defining a bulb-accepting opening, said body defining a plurality of tines, each tine separated from each other tine by at least one slot, said tines defining at least a portion of said opening, said tines configured to move inwardly and outwardly, a position of said tines changing a size of at least a portion of said bulb-accepting opening, said tines biased outwardly to a position in which said opening is sufficiently large to accept said bulb; and

a sleeve, said sleeve configured for movement between a first position in which said tines are permitted to move to their outward position and a second position in which said sleeve moves said tines inwardly for engaging a bulb located in said opening.

2. The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body defines four tines.

3. The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said sleeve comprises an annular member movably mounted on said body.

4. The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body has a second end, said second end having projection extending therefrom, said projection configured to engage a lens cap extending over said bulb.

5. The tool in accordance with Claim 4 wherein said projection comprises a prong.
6. The tool in accordance with Claim 5 wherein at least a portion of said head extends generally perpendicular to an axis extending through said body from said first end to said second end.
7. The tool in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said body comprises a generally cylindrical wall defining a hollow interior, said tines formed from a portion of said wall.
8. The tool in accordance with Claim 7 wherein said opening comprises at least a portion of said hollow interior.
9. The tool in accordance with Claim 1 including an insert located in said opening, said insert comprising a body defining a bulb-accepting opening therein, said body comprising a compressible material.
10. The tool in accordance with Claim 9 wherein said opening in said body of said insert comprises a passage extending through said body, said passage having a first end and a second end, said first end facing outwardly for accepting a bulb and said second end located in said body of said tool, and including a stop, said stop extending into said passage from said second end thereof.

11. The tool in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said stop has a base connected to said body of said tool and a rod extending outwardly therefrom, at least a portion of said rod located in said passage through said body of said insert.

12. The tool in accordance with Claim 10 wherein said rod has a free end positioned outwardly from said base, said free end having reduced outer dimension compared to the portion of said rod connected to said base.